

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A braking device for an elevator, comprising:

a pressing device provided on a sheave, which is rotated by raising and lowering a car and a counterweight, ~~for applying~~ configured to apply a pressing force toward the sheave;

a braking disc provided with a plurality of engaging portions along a rotational direction of the sheave, ~~for being~~ configured to be pressed against the sheave by the pressing device; and

an engaging device ~~having~~ including a movable portion ~~that can~~ configured to be displaced between an engagement position corresponding to engagement with the engaging portions and a release position corresponding to release from the engaging portions, ~~characterized in that:~~ wherein

the braking disc ~~[[can]]~~ is configured to rotate together with the sheave when the movable portion is at the release position~~[[;]]~~, and

the braking disc is stopped to brake rotation of the sheave when the movable portion is at the engagement position.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A braking device for an elevator according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pressing device ~~[[has]]~~ includes a pressing plate ~~[[for]]~~ sandwiching the braking disc between the pressing device and the sheave, and an adjusting portion ~~for applying~~ configured to apply the pressing force to the sheave via the pressing plate and the braking disc while allowing a magnitude of the pressing force to be adjusted.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A braking device for an elevator according to Claim 1 [[or 2]], ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sheave is a deflector sheave disposed apart from a drive device ~~for raising~~ configured to raise and ~~lowering~~ lower the car and the counterweight.

Claim 4 (New): A braking device for an elevator according to Claim 2, wherein the sheave is a deflector sheave disposed apart from a drive device configured to raise and lower the car and the counterweight.

Claim 5 (New): The braking device for an elevator according to Claim 1, wherein the sheave is configured to rotate around an axis of rotation, and the engaging device is located radially inward of an outermost portion of the sheave as viewed along the axis of rotation.

Claim 6 (New): The braking device for an elevator according to Claim 1, wherein the braking disc is in direct contact with the sheave while the movable portion is in the release position and when the movable portion is in the engagement position.

Claim 7 (New): The braking device for an elevator according to Claim 1, wherein the engaging device is disposed on a first side of the braking disc, and the sheave is disposed on a second side of the braking disc opposite the first side.